

Human Trafficking Coordinating Council
Draft Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016 @ 3:00 PM
Superior Court Conference Room, 10th Floor
New Castle County Courthouse
Wilmington, DE 19801

In Attendance: **Loretta Young** (Designee for FC CJ), **Dr. Leslie Brower** (Designee for Rita Landgraf), **Periann Doko** (Designee of AG), **Oliver Cleary** (DOJ), **Alison McGonigal** (Designee for Children's Dept.), **Perry Allfather** (Designee for DOC), **Lisa Schwind** (Designee for ODS), **Dr. Stephen Lawless** (Heath Care Community Representative), **Yolanda Schlabach** (At Large), Kiki Evinger (State Rep. Bryon Short)

Not Present: Patricia Bistany (DOL), Robert Carlson (DSCYF), Kimberly Chandler (DSHS), Pamela Grimes (DHSS), Jaime Hicks (Courts), Michelle Jewell (Courts), Julie Johnson (DOJ), Mary McDonough (CCP), Tammy Menard (DOC), Vanessa Phillips (DOL), Jennine Ramirez (DOJ), Tina Shockley (K12), Leann Summa, Jacqui Thornton (CJC), Elanor Torres (Courts), Dawn Williams (ODS)

Members of the Public: Norma Freire, Fay Whittle, Janet Lafferty, Patty D'Angelo, Peggy Tsaganos, Rochelle Johnson, Mary Darby, Nancy McGee, and support staff, Tara Sherbinko.

Loretta Young, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm. Following introductions, the motion to amend/approve the minutes from the June 6, 2016 meeting was postponed, as it was unclear if a quorum was present to vote. There was a lengthy discussion regarding a proposed amended draft for the meeting minutes put forth by Yolanda Schlabach. The section of the minutes that was in question was regarding use of the HTCC in a fundraising letter for the November Human Trafficking conference sponsored by Zoe Ministries.

Commissioner Young moved forward with the meeting agenda and suggested that, based on concerns voiced by Council members and the pressing deadline for the fund-raising letter, that Zoe amend the letter and the Council would hold an emergency meeting to address approval.

Commissioner Young reminded all chairs of the HTCC committees that reports would be needed immediately for the Annual September Report to the Governor and requested all the Chairs send their reports to her for inclusion in the report.

Commissioner McDonough motioned to vote for the vacant New Castle County At Large Council position (Amy Day's spot) and nominated Sherry Collins, the late Amy Day's mother. Ms. Collins is a board member of Meet Me at the Well. The foundation is currently trying to establish funding in order to provide housing for survivors of human trafficking. Nomination and voting will be held off until the December meeting to provide all HTCC voting members background information on Ms. Collins and Meet Me At the Well. Commissioner McDonough requested that Ms. Collins not have to appear in person.

The HTCC continues efforts to organize records and maintain a database of voting members and committee chairs and members. An updated membership list will be compiled with current members and designees by Tara Sherbinko for Commissioner Young.

Commissioner Young addressed that the emergency meeting will approve report to the Governor, the fundraising letter, and approval of the June meeting minutes.

Establishment of a State Hotline Number was discussed. There is no current state hotline; despite the establishment of a nationwide hotline. Nancy McGee spoke as a representative of Contact Lifeline, which is a crisis intervention hotline, and reported two separate trafficking calls in the past two weeks. Contact Lifeline is ready, willing, and able to train the operators to be able to spot trafficking calls, but they need a resource to be able to send trafficking calls to be followed up. Periann Doko spoke to it being an HSI issue, as there are several hotline numbers (Polaris, HSI, nationwide, etc). HSI currently runs project Blue Light. HSI is better equipped to coordinate with other agencies as it is their established area with training and response to Human Trafficking issues; unfortunately they are slower in response than the local agencies. There are a number of specific Human Trafficking mandates on the state level by the statute, without funding to do so.

Yolanda Schlabach brought a sample of the Blue Campaign materials and distributed to the council. She also discussed that she spoke to Scott Santoro (training program manager). He will be a speaker at the November Conference. The materials can include state insignia for the conference.

There was no other public input.

The next meeting date is December, 2016.

Commissioner Young thanked everyone for their participation and the meeting was adjourned.

T. Sherbinko
Family Court